

CLAIMS:

1. A latching tool for use on a spring-loaded slot door of a moneybox enclosure, comprising:

a central bar member having a proximal and distal end;

an engagement arm pivotally mounted on said distal end of said central bar for engagement with the spring-loaded slot door;

a pressure arm also pivotally mounted on said distal end of said central bar for engagement with the inside wall of the moneybox enclosure; and,

10 wherein the pressure arm and engagement arm are pivotable in unison when said central bar is pushed in a downward direction against the spring-loaded slot door mechanism and the inside wall of the moneybox enclosure for compressing the springs in the spring-loaded door mechanism.

2. A latching tool as recited in claim 1, wherein said engagement arm is positioned adjacent said central bar and said pressure arm.

3. A latching tool as recited in claim 1, wherein said pressure arm and engagement arm are pivotally mounted on said distal end of said central bar by way of a pivot pin extending therebetween.

4. A latching tool as recited in claim 2, wherein said pressure arm and said
20 engagement arm each contain a respective tab located thereon adjacent said pivot pin for limiting the pivoting travel and keeping said respective arms within an operational position.

5. A latching tool as recited in claim 1, wherein said engagement arm has a relieved area for allowing said arm to pass under the mechanisms of the moneybox enclosure.
6. A latching tool as recited in claim 1, wherein said distal end of said engagement arm is rounded.
7. A latching tool as recited in claim 1, wherein said distal end of said engagement arm is coated with a smooth material.
8. A latching tool as recited in claim 1, wherein said pressure arm has a straight portion and an angled portion, said angled portion designed for resting against the inside wall section of the moneybox enclosure.
- 10 9. A latching tool as recited in claim 1, wherein a user handgrip is positioned on said proximal end of said central bar.